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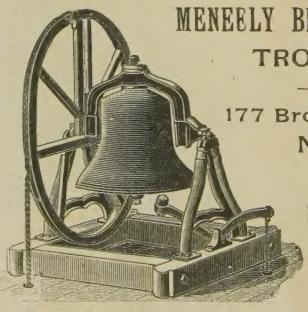

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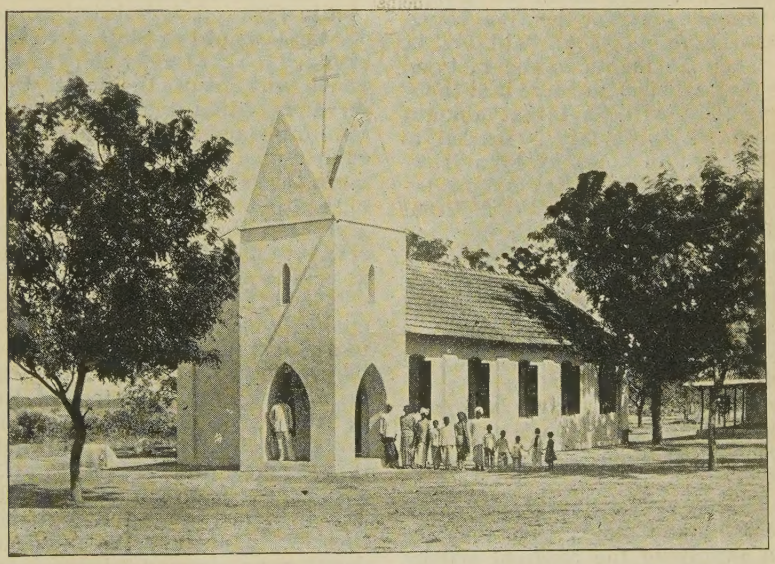
Young People's Church in India

ST. PAUL'S Evangelical Lutheran Church of Narasarowpet, India, built by the contributions of the Young People's Societies of the General Synod, was dedicated January 9, 1898.

This seems like a large name for so small a church, says the missionary, Rev. Noah E. Geiser, who is also the pastor of the church, in a recent issue of the *Lutheran Observer*, but it is not small considered in the light of the past. It is, however, now quite large enough to accommodate all our Christian people of Narasarowpet, and a number of others who may come from surrounding villages. This a few small congregations from near villages have begun to do, and some are quite regular in their attendance. In this line the bell given by "A Friend," whose name has not yet reached us, is of great service. It is also a good reminder to the people of Narasarowpet when it is time to come to services—and I think I am safe in saying all Hindu people, with few exceptions, need something to remind them of the time for religious services.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, NARASAROWPET, INDIA

Our desire for a church is now accomplished, and we wish to thank all who have contributed, whether much or little, toward giving us such a comfortable little sanctuary. On January 9 we for the first time felt as though we were in the house

of God, assembled with the people of Narasarowpet. We cannot tell you how thankful we are for this blessing, and the people of the congregation are equally grateful for so comfortable a place of worship.

It would, however, not be fair to others to leave you under the impression that the young people gave the whole amount for this church at Narasarowpet. The total cost, including the furniture, is rs. 2,667-0-0, but the amount realized for the $600 paid by the young people was only rs. 1,923-5-11. So you will see that over rs. 700-0-0 had to be raised from other sources. Of this amount the Christian people of the Narasarowpet taluk were asked to give enough for the benches ; and they gave rs. 255-0-0 within 20 days from the time they were asked to give. This amount was quite enough for the benches, but the other furniture had to be gotten—some through the help of conference and some by the kindness of missionaries interested in the work here. There is, however, about rs. 350-0-0 still to be secured, which the missionary, eager to finish the church, ventured to make good for the time being, but hopes the young people will not be offended when he mentions the fact and asks, Are they satisfied to leave it at that ? We believe they will send that amount promptly on seeing that it is needed to clear the St. Paul's Church at Narasarowpet. The reason for this extra amount being required is to be found in the fact that the church was made one-fifth larger than the original plan, and the little tower was added, without which, you will no doubt agree with me, it would not have satisfied any of your ideas of a church.

We are yet in need of a baptismal font and offering plates. If any one were to help us to these articles it would be a great help indeed. The ware of that sort is so very expensive in India that we cannot buy it here.

We pray God's richest blessings upon all who have given and may yet feel disposed to help in supplying the required articles and money to make this a complete and free church, and pray that through these gifts the Master's work will be made to prosper and many souls saved from sin and death.

—Those who no longer take an interest in the Young People's Society because the novelty is worn off ought to quit eating bread because there is nothing novel about it.—*The Watchword.*

Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation

The following appeal has been issued by the Martin Luther Society of New York :

" Our Church in this country is growing in membership very rapidly. It seems safe to assume that before long she will lead, numerically, all the Protestant denominations in America, as she has done for centuries in the world, and if her children are faithful to their trust and duty the Lutheran Church will exercise a superior influence in the evangelization of our country, for which, by reason of her doctrinal position and polyglot character, she seems specially fitted. Is it not, therefore, a clear duty to do what lies in our power to further the influence, position and interests of our Church ?

" The time is drawing nigh when the world will celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Reformation, inaugurated under God by Martin Luther. In view of this the Martin Luther Society of New York, a society organized in 1883 and since duly incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, has resolved to take timely steps in a movement which will insure the worthy general observance of that time and secure the erection of some appropriate monument or edifice somewhere in the United States to mark that event, which shall be a source of continual encouragement, admonition and help for generations to come, especially to the children of the Church, but as well to all loyal Americans.

" Now, in order that the society may be enabled to arrive at some definite plan and to decide what the proposed memorial shall be, whether a noble and dignified monument, typifying the history of the Church in America, or a library building, or the founding of a university, or whatever else, it is deemed proper, first of all, to invite suggestions from all parts of the Church and then proceed intelligently in the further development of the movement, in order to as nearly as possible meet the wishes of the Church as a whole.

"As soon as the society shall have knowledge of how our fellows in the faith will receive and view this movement the result and the further procedure will be made known.

" It is respectfully requested that all who may receive this circular will interest themselves, respond promptly and freely express their opinion to the chairman of the committee, A. J. D. Wedemeyer, Liberty, N. Y."

Luther League of Pennsylvania

Fifth Convention, Bethlehem, June 29, 30

By Rev. H. Branson Richards

Beneath pleasant skies and amid the hearty welcomes of the Reception Committee the Fifth Annual Convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania was called to order on Wednesday morning, June 29, in Salem Lutheran Church of old, historic Bethlehem. All morning, delegates and visitors had been crowding into the city, and when the sessions opened it was found that 285 delegates were present and enough visitors to fill the elegantly decorated edifice. The Rev. Dr. Baugher, president of the League, was compelled to be absent by reason of sickness, and so the meeting was called to order by William C. Stoever, Esq., of Philadelphia, the chairman of the Executive Committee. The opening services were conducted by Rev. M. C. Horine, D.D., of Reading, who read a selection from Holy Scriptures from the First Chapter of Romans, after which the audience united in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty." The convention was then welcomed by Rev. W. Hoppe, the pastor of Salem Church, who said in part:

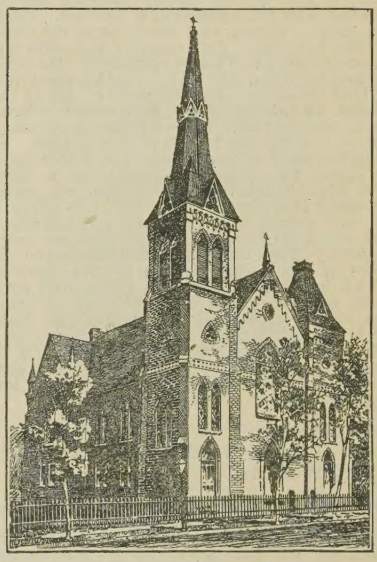
The thought permeating your programme is "Be ye holy for I am holy." This is a holiness that goes into all the conditions of life and which Luther Leaguers must also possess. We gather year after year in order to learn this lesson. In extending our invitation for you to meet here, we felt a love in our hearts for the work and the workers. While the armies of our country are going forth to battle, we the army of the Lord assemble in the house of peace. Therefore, it is appropriate that we meet in Salem Church, which tells us of the peace of God. As we meet in Bethlehem, the house of bread, we hope you will find not only bread for your bodies, but also for your souls. We bid you welcome and trust your stay among us may be pleasant.

The reply was made by the presiding officer:

We come into a League atmosphere. We are members of one Church. The motto that has been adopted for this convention is "Praying and Working," and many pastors can testify that the Luther League has made earnest efforts to put this into practice. We thank you for your hearty welcome.

The report of the treasurer, Dr. J. F. Trexler of Lancaster, showed a balance of $99.79 in the treasury. The Extension Committee reported, through its chairman, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., that the Juniata Central and several local Leagues had been organized. The congregation then sang "Come, Holy Spirit, Come," after which Rev. Dr. Horine offered prayer. Miss Mary E. Campbell of Shamokin was appointed secretary *pro tem.* in the absence of A. Raymond Bard of Reading, who is serving in the United States Army. The first paper was read by Rev. J. B. Focht, D.D., of Barren Hill, on the topic "Praying and Working: the Forces that will Move the World." He said:

Once the question was asked, Where is thy God, O Elijah? The same question is put to-day with the addition, What is thy God that we should pray to Him. Pascal says, In Christ we have a God whom we approach without pride and before whom we humble ourselves without despair. But it is not rare to find open or covert pantheism that sets aside old notions of personality and is content with a common principle which constitutes the unity of all phenomena which it calls God. It is capable of proof that the world is to be moved and that the world is worth moving. Once and now we see Jesus moving the world, not because He was a miracle worker or spoke to the confusion of the so-called wise, but because He was God among men. Then this God-power, this abiding in God and God in man, is revealed in Paul's communion with God and acting for God and in the lives of all who have accepted Jesus and have sought for the truth as unfolded by the Holy Ghost. How shall a man of pure mind love the man filled with evil, how shall the prayerful have affection for the blasphemous, how shall the saved burn with desire for the wicked? By



SALEM CHURCH

Where Convention was held

communion with God and by consecrated service we shall find, as did Paul, "the love of God constrains us." Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God, shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

The Credential Committee then reported, through Rev. F. F. Fry, the presence of 285 delegates, representing 14 Centrals, 95 Local Leagues and 34 *ex-officio* delegates. After the singing of a hymn the morning session adjourned.

Second Session

This session opened at 1.30 p.m. with an organ prelude by Prof. C. A. Marks, organist of St. John's Church, Allentown. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. G. J. Gongaware of Uniontown, the congregation singing "Come, Thou Almighty King."

The first business of the afternoon was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The balloting resulted in the election of Wm. C. Stoever of Philadelphia, pres.; Stewart A. Shimer of Bethlehem, rec. sec.; Geo. M. Jones of Reading, statistical sec.; Horace M. Bikle of Pittsburgh, cor. sec.; and J. F. Trexler, M.D., of Lancaster, treas. The opening paper was by Rev. J. E. Whittaker of Easton, on "Praying and Working: What God Hath Joined Together Let No Man Put Asunder." He said:

In dealing with the dual nature of man, the physical and the spiritual, we find a subtle relation between them. Hence in dealing with praying and working, we point out how one without the other is defective, and how when brought together they constitute a great agency in the growth of the Christian Church. The question is whether there can be praying without working. If the attempt is made, it is hypocrisy, a pious pose to attract men's attention. If there is sincere prayer without work, it becomes superstition. Imagine, if you can, a farmer plowing and then not sowing, and yet expecting a harvest. Praying is only half a circle, and must have its complement—this is acting. But what of him who works and does not pray? This is infidelity. He sees no power greater than his own. In the most literal sense, God is not in all his thoughts. He is in his own eyes an almighty in miniature; when he speaks it stands fast. To work therefore and not to pray is to deny the loving power of God. Here again is but half a circle, and the lower half at that. These two together round up a perfect circle in life. Wherever there is the true spirit of prayer there is a concentrated effort to carry into action the commands of God. Wherever our prayers reach there our life runs. Do we pray as individuals? This question comes home to us as members of the Luther League. We have been named after that man great in action and equally great in prayer. And then are we a praying League only? If so, what end has the League served? Has it become a working factor in the Church? It is necessary that there should be a working out of our prayer and a praying out of our work. God has joined them together; let us not in our folly try to put them asunder.

After the singing of a hymn, Rev. R. W. Hufford, D.D., of Reading, read a paper on "Prayer: What It is."

This question, said the speaker, calls for a definition. Definitions are good when they are possible, but they are not always possible. Here, for instance, we deal with the intangible which makes a definition difficult. We need not be troubled, however, for we can still feel and love. Prayer has been variously described as "the communion of the heart with God," and "the lifting up of the heart to God and communing with Him." Both these are good and bring forth the true essentials of prayer. Prayer may be petition, or it may be intercession, or it may be thanksgiving, or it may be all of these. But one essential is that it be of the heart. Prayer may be written or unwritten, long or short, in the sanctuary or on the street—all these are non-essentials. Montgomery says:

> "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
> The motion of a hidden fire,
> That trembles into rest."

It must always be the expression of the heart's desire. Much that is called prayer is defective according to this standard. A second essential is that prayer must be Godward. The humble and sincere worshiper shuts out the world and holds converse for the time with God. When we really pray to God, humility and sincerity are almost natural. It is different when the mind is divided. "That was the finest prayer ever addressed to a Boston audience," said a reporter. He only made one mistake, for it was not a prayer, nor is anything prayer which is addressed to any audience this side of heaven.

After singing another hymn, the audience listened to Rev. W. L. Hunton of Wilkes-Barre, on "Prayer: How and for What." The following is a short extract:

How to pray seems to be unnecessary as a question. A beggar in distress needs not to be told how to beg, but merely points to his rags and his needs. Every one who prays aright can say with David, "It is good for me to draw near to God." If I have the grace of prayer it is good. We must not pray like heathen or hypocrites. God has prescribed no attitude or posture in prayer, and no interference in this Christian principle of liberty is justifiable. But from the example of Christ we must assume a reverent position. If we would address to God the prayer that avails much, we must do away with formalism. Prejudices against forms of prayer, however, is absurd. The worship of the temple was liturgical, and our Lord did not hesitate to take part in it. And what the Church from the beginning has used, it is arrogant pride to despise. He who supposes there is no spirituality in forms of prayer only exposes his own ignorance. Many prayers are made with mental reservations, or with lips and mouth. Nothing puts distance between man and God more than faithless prayers. Prayer must be earnest. Fervency of spirit is required. Random prayer is of little worth. In all our prayers, be the thought ever so divine, the heart must be in it. Religion shall look like itself and shine with all the lustre it is capable of on earth when the full soul is poured out in it.

The closing paper of the session was read by Miss Clara A. Beck of Centre Square, after a hymn had been sung. The topic was "Prayer: Its Power." She said:

The Bible is full of pictures of praying men and women. Men of influence over their fellows have first learned to prevail in prayer. Exemplifications of this are found in Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Jephthah, Samson, Hannah, Elijah, Esther, and others. The Saviour's great legacy to the Church is prayer. When He sent out the seventy He commanded them to pray. The primitive Church prayed much, and through all the centuries of persecution it was delivered. In every age and place, God has had men of prayer as witnesses for Him. Prayer has been, still is, and always will be a mighty power. The Moravian Church has a quaint petition in its liturgy, "Good Lord, deliver us from being great." The universal Church needs this lesson and must learn the lesson of the power of prayer. The missionary activity of the latter part of this century is an illustration of its power. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

After a hymn and devotional exercises followed the adjournment. At this time occurred one of the delightful features of the convention. The delegates and many friends were treated to a trolley ride through Bethlehem, South Bethlehem, Allentown and the beautiful country covering a stretch of six miles between the two cities. It proved most refreshing, and will long be remembered by all who participated in it.

Third Session

The evening session opened at 7.30 with an organ prelude by Prof. H. S. Schweitzer of Bethlehem, under whose efficient leadership was arranged a chorus selected from the churches of Bethlehem, South and West Bethlehem. The full vesper service was used under the conduct of Rev. J. A. W. Haas, the delegate from the New York State Luther League. The Rev. F. W. E. Pes-

chau, D.D., read the first paper on the topic, "The Success of the League: Past and Future." He said in part:

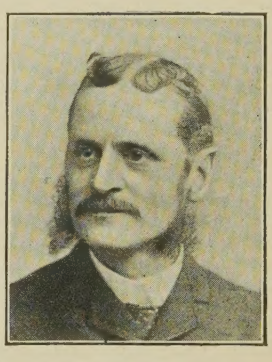
Motives pure as gold, principles strong as the hills, have prompted the movement known as the Luther League. It has been organized for the benefit of the young people, thus to fill out the time between confirmation and mature Christian manhood and womanhood. It is a success in its name. We know what Lutheran means. League means a confederation. What name could be more significant, positive, plain, short, than that of Luther League? Hiram and Solomon made a league, and we as kings also have a right to form a league. It is also a success as to its foundation. We stand on the Augsburg Confession. "If ever there is a basis on which all Protestants are to unite, it must be the Augsburg Confession." It is a success, because of the noble position it occupies. It is in the Church, of the Church and for the Church. It is a success, because it has lifted up Luther's coat of arms so that we can defy any other young people's society to equal it. It gives us an emblem significant both in color and arrangement. It is a success, because it unifies the common interests of young people of all languages. In this land a bouquet of the choicest flowers of all nations has been formed. Native born and others stand to fight the future combats of the Church. It is a success, because of its organization and also as far as it is an indirect influence for the good of the Church in America. We are now getting our experience; the enthusiasm will soon come. Some have said the interest in the League will not keep up. It is true that men in material things of the earth lose interest when they become common, and we cannot hope for otherwise in spiritual things. But there was a time when there were not 60,000 Christians in the world, and now already there are 60,000 Luther Leaguers with all the modern advantages to help them. Its success for the future then depends on the one principle that each one must do his or her duty. Individual effort is necessary to bring it to the golden era of success.

After the conclusion of this paper the chorus sang the Te Deum. The Rev. Dr. Reimensnyder of Milton then followed, reading the paper of his brother, G. B. Reimensnyder, Esq., of Sunbury, on "Church Love." He said:

This topic assumes we have a Church to love. Church love is seeking to discover the good qualities of our Church and not the defects and faults. Love is the best aid in looking at the Church. Church love is that love which came to the world through Jesus Christ. Love combines wishing good and doing good. The internal motive dare not be separated from the external. Church love prompts us to be regular in church attendance, to visit the sick, to give the missions, to walk honestly in the sight of God and man, to openly confess Christ and to show an unselfish charity in our dealings with man. It leads us to consider the Church as the divine institution of God which can make the spiritual dead, alive. To her we turn in the hour of sorrow, through her we receive the wisdom from above. She gives us in times of storms the foundation against which even the gates of hell cannot prevail. Church love finds in the Church God's house of prayer. He who prays little loves little. It believes the Church has been ransomed by the blood of Christ and is dear to Him and for her we should devote our time and energies. If Christ suffered, should we not do the same? Is the servant above the Master? Church love is none other, then, than the love of God. When we contemplate the Lutheran Church, her polity, her devotion, and her great future, it behooves us to cultivate such love to her that she may soon fulfill her mission as the greatest Church of America, as she already is of Europe.

When the congregation had sung "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," Rev. Chas. L. Fry read a paper prepared by Rev. E. Meister of Lancaster, on "Our Juniors." An extract follows:

Each child has a nature plastic as clay, which will bear the impress of our hands whether skillful or unskillful. We must know what we can learn of the immortal minds on which we must work. Nothing is so much alive as a Junior Society, but the restless energy of childhood can be turned into honey making channels. In organizing get the children interested in advance. Select the best person in the congregation as a society leader. Tact is necessary in this person. Then call them together for organization. The age limit is generally from 6 to 14 years. When confirmed, have it understood the child must graduate into the Senior League. Children are eager to learn, but they must have something to do, for they are workers. There are opportunities in working for home and foreign missions. There can be a Sunshine Committee, or a Flower Committee, but everywhere they must carry sunshine. The busiest pastor will find time to visit them and give them short practical talks, and thus he can cultivate one of the most fruitful fields, for the promise is "unto you and your children."



W. C. STOEVER

Pres. of the Pennsylvania League

At this point the offering was taken and then the chorus sang an anthem, after which the Rev. J. M. Anspach, D.D., of Williamsport, spoke on "Preaching and Practicing," saying:

What we preach is both positive and negative. Preaching reaches its highest point when it induces people to practice what is preached. The grandest things ever spoken are to promulgate principles which are to be seen worked out in practical life. We preach God so that men will accord Jehovah the homage due to Him. We preach the divinity of Christ so that conduct in harmony with this doctrine may appear in men's lives. Everything we preach is with the hope of engrafting it upon the life of man. The results of preaching have been magnificent and majestic. The harvest has been successfully sowed. The Bible has been translated into many tongues, and the rapid diffusion of its knowledge and the establishment of young people's societies is the practice of Gospel preaching. Preaching has not been without most gratifying results. The Word of God does not return to Him void. It has and is prospering in the thing sent. But it is only of account as it induces practice. All preaching, whether by minister or layman, is not alike potent, although it may be before the same audience and at the same time. The secret of effectiveness often lies in the human instrument behind the Word. Inharmonious example takes the power out of preaching. Preaching that would beget

practice must be consistent. "When the day comes when Christians are Christians, the great mass of humanity will become Christian." One truly Christian life will do more to prove the divinity of Christianity than many sermons. To be earnest, we must believe in the excellence of what is preached. He who would induce practice by preaching must be fearless, as Joshua, Nathan, John Baptist, Luther, Lattimer and Edwards. On all the questions of the day, we must make our position known, such as intemperance and Sabbath desecration. Love must permeate preaching. The application can be gentle as the breath of air. By love you win men's ears and then their hearts. Preaching must be prayerful if it would bring practice. Some work must be done on the knees. Then there would be fewer themes only closely related to Christ and Him crucified, and more to offer bread instead of stones. A rare place, a rear place is often given to the Gospel. Let the pulpit go back to Christ and the pew will come forward to Christian practice. A prayer to be commended is this:

> Lord, let our lips and lives express
> The holy Gospel we profess:
> So let our works and virtues shine,
> To prove the doctrine all divine.

Knowledge is excellent, but practice is more excellent. The relation between the two is given by our Lord, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

All voices then united in singing the League Rally Hymn, and the closing part of the Vesper Service, with the benediction, brought the exercises of the first day to a close.

Fourth Session

The sun came out warm and bright on Thursday, the 30th, but this did not deter a large number from attending an early prayer meeting conducted by Rev. G. C. Loos of Philadelphia. At 9 o'clock, Prof. William Benbow of Trinity Church, Reading, opened the morning session with an organ prelude. The devotional exercises of the regular session were conducted by Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., of Scranton. After the business had been transacted, the president introduced Mr. E. F. Eilert, the president of the Luther League of America, who said:

It is a pleasure to meet again with the Luther League of Pennsylvania. I extend the greetings of the Luther League of America. The latter depends largely on the efforts of the League of Pennsylvania. It was organized in your borders, and therefore should have your hearty support. Pennsylvania has the largest State membership and very gratifying increases. The motto of the first National League meeting was Loyalty, of the second, Literature, and the third to be emphasized at the convention this fall is Labor. In the preparation of the programme the work of the League is emphasized. We must realize that every League should be represented at New York. The organization is doing a grand work, the feeling of loyalty is growing stronger and the Church is feeling the influence. The latest State League to be organized is that of South Dakota. The enthusiasm which prevailed throughout the country from the beginning has continued. In conclusion, I hope to meet all again at New York in October, for we want to make the next convention the grandest Lutheran ever held in this country.

Rev. J. A. W. Haas was next introduced as the fraternal delegate from the New York State League. He responded as follows:

I bear the greetings of the Luther League of New York, and wish you Godspeed. It is a personal gratification to be present, but more than this, the historical friendship between New York and Pennsylvania is thus being perpetuated. More than 100 years ago, Muhlenberg blessed New York by his presence, and now in this age New York returns the blessing to the Luther League of Pennsylvania by bringing over this movement.

The large audience present then sang a hymn, and H. L. Hungerford of Wilkes-Barre read a paper on the topic, "Work: In the Local Church." In part he said:

The question that concerns us is the application of the efforts of young people's societies. Let us take the traction system as an illustration. The dynamo that gives the power is the young people. The switchboard distributes the power; that is the pastor. The wires are the various lines of Church work. The controller is the chairman of your committee. The pastor must divide the work so that the faithful few are not overburdened. One car disarranged stops all the other cars on the circuit. On traction lines this is called "kicking." The pastor must discover the talent in his young people. He will be surprised at talents long-hidden and at dormant powers which become useful. The work can be divided into committees as Membership, Visiting, Social, Literature, Devotional, Sanctuary, Missionary and others. A rule to be followed by all is to confer with the pastor on all questions. But without the blessing from on high our efforts will avail but little. Then let us be careful to gather in His name and not for a good time generally. Appreciate your opportunities, each one faithfully doing his own part, for he may be the connection through which all the current passes.

The congregation sang "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun," and then listened to Rev. H. H. Weber of York on "Work: In the Cause of Church Extension." He said:

What is Church Extension? Some call it Church Building. It is that work which provides for struggling missions and gives them a Church home. Our Lutheran Church needs this work because all Christian activity is put on a basis of stability by it. By it the work of missionaries is crystallized. When the house of God is erected with its spire pointing heavenward, around which cluster the most sacred thoughts of life, we make our work permanent. The extension of our Church will solve the great problems of America. With all its progress no nation has dangers like our own. Its character is complex, and yet it has been unified into the grandest people upon which the sun sets. Our increasing dangers are due to the make-up of our people. Therefore we must seek for the leaven in this complex people. Immigration is one of our dangers. How shall these foreigners be assimilated? By erecting a house of God for them, and then they can go into the Church. Then they must be Anglicized. This question is solved not by neglecting to build German churches, but by building more English churches. To no denomination has God given such a field as to the Lutherans. Therefore, young people, be true to our Church. Church extension does a duty to our fellow man not to be neglected. If we build churches in villages, towns and great cities, we do for our fellow man the first duty of an unselfish heart. Let us catch the spirit of our Master, which is unselfishness. Then our beloved Church would soon do her duty in winning America for Christ.

After singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., spoke on "Work: In the Cause of Missions." He said:

The importance of missions cannot be overestimated. They are indicative of Christian character and of the growth of individuals. That congregation that neglects this cause falls short of its duty. This statement needs no proof. By various means we are brought face to face with this question: Are we co-workers with God or merely passers by? Does mission work pay? is a question often asked by those who value everything

in dollars and cents. The magnificent proportions of the Church of to-day is the best answer. To the believer in God the matter of profit admits of no discussion. The great question for each to answer is, "What can I do for this work and what is the work?" It is bringing men to Christ and means all that will produce that result—the preaching of the Gospel, the use of the sacraments, the erection of perishable buildings for the diffusion of imperishable thoughts. Men and means are both needed, not only men ordained, but those at home, who show by word and gift that the extension of God's Kingdom lies near their hearts. A professing Christian cannot fail to be interested in the cause of missions. Both pastor and people must have the same spirit, and that in no small degree. But, if they have the spirit, how can they manifest it? In large congregations by sending out missions or by sending out workers to help a struggling mission. Individuals can help by giving something, however poor they may be. He can pray that men may come to the light. Needed books, &c., could be furnished. We do so little because we do not appreciate fully what God and man demand of us. For God's sake and the sake of the souls of men, work, work, work, in the cause of missions.

The session then closed with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., of Philadelphia.

Fifth Session

The fifth and last session of the convention began with an organ prelude by Prof. H. S. Schweitzer of Bethlehem, and appropriate religious exercises. Ten delegates and a like number of alternates were elected for the national meeting at New York in October. Attention was called to the Reading Course by the National Literary Secretary, and the President spoke earnest words in behalf of the REVIEW. After this, Prof. Wm. Benbow of Reading read a paper on "Church Music." He said in part:

The first books printed were Bibles and hymn books. In 60 or 70 years there were quite a number of booklets in the hands of the people. Among these was a little book of eight pages, published at Augsburg, in 1500 A. D., called the Psalter Virgin, with a sword piercing her heart in accordance with the prophecy of Simeon. So many hymns have been born in the travail of persecution, as the first Church hymn by Luther, which was occasioned by the martyrs burned in Brussels. A hymn is used as a vehicle of prayer. So in the introit, the gloria patri, the offertory, in all our service is the recurring note of prayer. If the prayer of one man is powerful, think of the potentiality of the united prayers of a congregation. When we prayerfully sing "Raise the fallen, cheer the faint," we need not doubt that this will take place. The Church service has prayers for all conditions of life, whether in times of prosperity or of adversity. Music is one of the means used by the Holy Spirit to sink truths into our hearts. The best hymns are the very words of Scripture set to music. The history of many great hymns can be traced through many centuries. "The Lord is My Rock" was used by Moses, David, Ezra, Paul, Luther, and at the death-bed of Gladstone was sung "Rock of Ages." The circumstances under which the Magnificat was sung contain a helpful lesson for us. It was the faith of her cousin, Elizabeth, that brought forth the song of Mary. So the faith of our fellows quickens our faith. It takes study to find what is best for Church use. We believe that the Lutheran teaching receives the fullest light and therefore ought to issue in the best service. The psalm in the church service should be sung, and if it is not it would be practical to arrange a class in melody. This can be used in many other directions. The Luther League could also go with the pastor to visit the sick or hospitals where many hunger for music. Prison work, too, should not be neglected. Take the League and give the prisoners a service of song. By this means we are preparing ourselves for our future employment, for one of the few things we know of heaven is that there is continuous singing there. Music has been called a bird of exile or a loan from the future life, but it might be called a bird of Paradise. Work then and faint not, for the night cometh; work and despair not, for a new dawn cometh; sing, "O Daughter of Zion, for Behold Thy King Cometh."

The statistical secretary, Geo. M. Jones of Reading, then reported that there were 19 Centrals in connection with the State League, 343 local Leagues (a gain of 43), and 18,500 members (a gain of about 2000). The largest Central is the Bucks, Montgomery, Chester. The Committee on Resolutions reported, through its chairman, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D. A resolution of sympathy was sent to the retiring president, Rev. H. Louis Baugher, D.D., in the time of his sickness. Another was sent to A. Raymond Bard, in camp at Chickamauga, uniting in his prayer for speedy peace and asking for divine protection for himself and the many other Lutheran young men in his and neighboring companies. Also the convention passed a resolution of thanks to the Luther League, Pastor and Church Council of Salem Church, and all others who had assisted in making the convention so profitable and successful. Intense interest and absolute silence prevailed when E. Aug. Miller, Esq., of Philadelphia, rose to speak the farewell words on the topic, "Work, for the Night Cometh." He said in part:

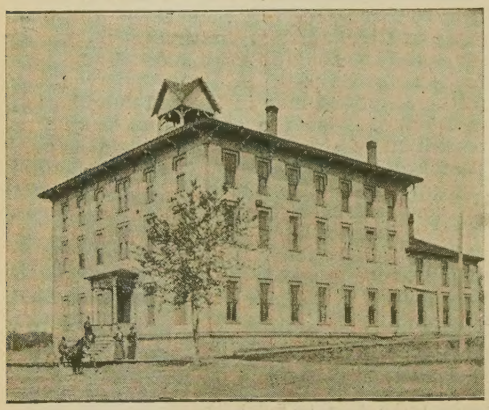
Lest that I by any means when I have preached to others should myself become a castaway. St. Paul the teacher—St. Paul the preacher—St. Paul to whom wonderful revelations were given, expressed the fear he might become a castaway. Christianity is not teaching or preaching or listening to papers, but Christianity is living—Christianity is acting—Christianity is doing. The book which forms the inspiration for the motto of this convention tells of wonderful deeds done in Germany. These men had for their motto, "Christ in us and Christ for us." Our badge has a cross within a heart. But that does not make us a Christian or a Luther Leaguer. But to be a true Luther Leaguer, or a true Christian, is to have in our hearts the cross of Christ as our inspiration. To declare all of Christ and His work in one word is to express it in unselfishness—to do—to give—to work. St. James, in order to illustrate truth, speaks of a man looking into a mirror and, going away, forgets what manner of man he was. There has been held up to us a mirror of Christian character, the true praying and working Christian, and as we look at ourselves in this mirror, how have we shrunk back in horror, how our form is filled with imperfections! Shall we forget what manner of men we are? Let us cry as the leper of old in the dust, "Unclean, unclean," God grant the papers read here, the image reflected, may make such an impression on us as by the help of God, by the mighty lever of prayer and under His guidance may make that image reflected more beautiful, perfect and complete than to-day. Do we realize all this convention has brought to us? To close this convention is like a beautiful monument which has risen higher and higher as each paper was read. It causes me to tremble when I come to place the capstone on this monument. The capstone is of four sides. On one side is inscribed a word of two letters, "Do;" on another a word of three letters, "Ask;" on another a word of four letters, "Pray;" and on the last side a word of five letters, "Labor;" and on the capstone I place a glorious pennant, the banner

of the cross, with this text: "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only."

Without further words the convention rose and sang the parting hymn, "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise," and when Rev. Hoppe, pastor *loci*, had read the prayers and pronounced the benediction the Fifth Annual Convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania at Bethlehem had passed into history.

Luther League of South Dakota

In response to a call by the Luther League of Canton, on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, May 28, delegates to the first State Luther League Convention held in South Dakota met in the chapel of Augustana College, Canton, S. Dak.



AUGUSTANA COLLEGE
Where State Convention was held

The convention was called to order by Mr. John G. Berdahl, president of the Luther League of Canton.

After Scripture reading and prayer by Prof. A. G. Tuve, Mr. Berdahl delivered an address of welcome to the visiting delegates. The convention was thereupon declared open for the transaction of business. Mr. Berdahl was elected chairman, and Mr. Henry Halvorson secretary of the meeting.

The forenoon session was spent in the selection of committees, the principal one of which was the committee to draft a constitution for the organization. The Committee on Constitution, appointed by the president, consisted of Prof. C. G. Lawrence, Canton; Miss Anne Weeks, Vermillion; Miss Nettie Lewiston, Elk Point; A. Anderson, Dell Rapids; A. Hamre, Colton; David Stöve, Nansen, and M. Munson, Sioux Falls.

At the afternoon session the report of the Committee on Constitution was considered, and after a couple of hours' debate a constitution for the Luther League of South Dakota was adopted.

The following were the officers elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Prof. C. G. Lawrence, Canton; Vice-Pres., Miss Gunderson, Vermillion; Rec. Sec., Mr. David Stöve, Nansen; Corres. Sec., Mr. O. A. Anderson, Vermillion; Treas., Mr. Martin Munson, Sioux Falls.

On Saturday evening a reception was tendered the visiting delegates by the Luther League of Canton, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Skartvedt.

On Sunday evening an interesting programme was carried out in the Evangelical Luthern Church. The session opened with an anthem by the Canton Lutheran Church Choir, followed by Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. P. H. Tetly.

Mr. O. A. Anderson of Vermillion then read an excellent paper on "The General Trend of Luther League Work." After another song by the Canton Luther League Choir, a well rendered recitation, entitled "Absalon," was given by Miss Hannah Nordtvedt. This was followed by an instructive paper on "Benefits Derived from Luther Leagues," by Prof. T. T. Naae, Canton. Prof. C. G. Lawrence then led the discussion on "Luther League Work." The following took part in the discussion: Prof. C. P. Lommen, Prof. A. G. Tuve, Rev. P. H. Tetly, Mr. G. Skartvedt, Mr. M. Munson, Mr. David Stöve and Mr. O. A. Anderson.

The general consensus of opinion was that much good had already been done by the respective Luther Leagues. It was believed by all that greater loyalty to the Church and greater appreciation of the doctrines of the Lutheran Church resulted from Luther League work.

The convention was brought to a close with an anthem by the Canton League Choir.

Vermillion was selected as the place for holding the next annual convention.

The following were the delegates present: Sioux Falls, Mr. Martin Munson, Mr. Henry Halvorson; Vermillion, Miss Anne Weeks, Prof. C. P. Lommen, Miss Gunderson, Mr. O. A. Anderson; Dell Rapids, Mr. A. Anderson, Miss Lena Thompson, Miss May Aldrich; Elk Point, Mr. Ole Johnson, Miss Nettie Lewison; Colton, Mr. A. Hamre, Mr. A. Amundson; Howard, Mr. D. Stöve, Mr. Carl Helvick; and members of the Canton League.

Old Harper's Ferry

Engravings from *Washington Star*

Governor Lowndes of Maryland, in his address at the dedication of the monument to the army correspondents, at Gapland, on October 16, 1896, says the Washington *Star*, began his remarks by saying that 35 years ago on that day John Brown began his raid and seized the arsenal and munitions at Harper's Ferry. The two subjects had little connection, save in the fact that the celebrated raid was one of the many circumstances which led up to the great strife which the correspondents so ably depicted. Harper's Ferry became an important point during the war, but it is now little more than a village, with some slight pretensions to importance as a country railway center. By the division of the State of Virginia this place of history has been brought within the State of West Virginia, a fact in itself which takes something from it, as Virginia and Virginians figured prominently in the events which have given it the fame it possesses.

LOOKING UP THE POTOMAC

Many generals of renown contended for this strategic point at the junction of the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers, and from this place troops were sent to participate in some of the most sanguinary battles of the war.

On a bright autumn day, speeding into the beauties of the Blue Ridge range, passing prosperous towns and villages, over hills and dales covered with a forest of russet and crimson, past farms and orchards, by distant mountain peaks seen dimly through the hazy atmosphere, it is impossible to realize that this was the border land of war; that these beautiful hills were covered with troops and artillery; that through these fields and forests marched armed men, and for the possession of the passes and gaps of the mountains human blood flowed in rivulets. Engrossed with the surrounding scenery, the river leaping over and eddying among the rocks, the canal with its sluggish boats, and the mountainsides rising perpendicularly from the water or sloping to great heights in the distance, one is startled almost by the voice of the colored porter, who calls, all in a breadth, like a brakeman announcing stations:

"Harper's Ferry—John Brown's fort gone to Chicago."

And the train stops at the quaint old place of many memories. The porter was right at one time, but now the fort has been brought back, only instead of being placed upon the old site it has been rebuilt on a farm several miles away. A simple granite shaft marks the spot where it once stood, and the porter points this out with the weary air of a man who has told the story many times.

JOHN BROWN'S LAST STAND

For years nearly every passenger on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has craned his or her neck out the window, or endangered life and limb by standing on the platform, in order to see the old brick engine house where John Brown made his last stand. Many have forgotten or never heard that the vandals have entered Harper's Ferry and desecrated it; so the porter, to save himself trouble, anticipates the inevitable inquiries by announcing as he wends his way through the car:

"Harper's Ferry—John Brown's fort gone to Chicago."

"What an idiotic thing to do!" you exclaim, and every one on the train quite agrees with you.

It never should have been moved away,

and when brought back it ought to have been rebuilt upon the spot where it was made historic, the only place where it could be of any possible interest. The bricks have no meaning set up, even in the form of the old fort, either in Chicago or on a mountain farm. As a relic it ceases to be an attraction, and the stranger is more interested in the place where it once stood than in the pile of old bricks erected to resemble the original engine house.

A QUIET COUNTRY VILLAGE

Harper's Ferry now is not much more of a place than it was 35 years ago. It has a picturesque location, but upon closer inspection presents the squalid features of a little country village. Narrow little streets run a short distance only in any direction, for the regular topography of the country makes it impossible to continue long in a straight line. In the town itself there is very little to attract attention. One looks at the queer little houses perched upon the sides of the hills and wonders how people can live in them. The old weather beaten and primitive churches, which seem to have wandered off by themselves to find a level spot to rest upon, attract attention for a moment, especially as they are reached by steps chiseled into the stone side of the mountain and worn so smooth by time and the tread of many feet that they look like the work of nature and do not suggest ever having felt pick or drill.

Turning the base of the mountain and overlooking the Shenandoah is another historic spot. This is "Jefferson's Rock." It is a huge slab of granite resting upon natural pillars, which in turn rest upon the rock of the mountain side. The slab was found at this place and raised upon the pillars. The great Virginian once visited this place and from the rock which now bears his name made a famous address. What it was about everybody has forgotten, but ever since that day the platform upon which he stood has been "Jefferson's Rock," and will so remain to the end of time. Pilgrims have chiseled their names on its surface and on the surface of surrounding rocks, and bits of it have been chipped off and carried away. There is no watchman here to bid the vandal stay his hand.

A beautiful view is afforded from this place. From far to the right the Shenandoah comes creeping down between the mountains, sparkling in the sunlight as it jumps from stone to stone, swirling among the moss covered rocks and furzy willows, sweeping past the little town and merging itself with the Potomac. The Potomac, coming down from the west, breaks past the steep mountain side rising a sheer thousand feet into the blue sky, its rocky cliffs here and there giving shelter to scrubby trees which cling affectionately to its barren sides, drawing a meager life from the soil hidden in the crevices. Across the Shenandoah the mountain is covered with a thick growth of trees, beautiful in their autumn tints, a myriad of colors which the painter's art has not fully mastered. Huge rocks of gorgeous and fantastic shapes, gnarled and stunted trees and thick undergrowth contribute to the picturesque and impressive scene.

LOOKING DOWN THE POTOMAC

THE THEATER OF WAR

One can scarce imagine that here was the theater of war; that up this peaceful valley Sheridan swept, making a name long

(*Concluded on page 22.*)

A Luther Leaguer Killed

WHILE the victory of our arms in the war with Spain has been accomplished with small loss of life, it is our sad duty to report a League member as the first one to be killed in the assault of the American Army on El Caney, a suburb of Santiago, on July 1. Corporal George Immen of Company C, Seventy-first Regiment New York Volunteers, a member of the Luther League of St. James' Church of New York City, while bravely charging the embankment in that battle was the first to fall, being shot through the head.

Our young friend was only 22 years old, tall, handsome and well educated, having graduated from the Peddie Institute, in New Jersey, and studied three years at a university in Paris. He spoke French and German fluently, knew a little Spanish, and was an accomplished musician. He was a Christian youth, a devoted Lutheran, and active in the work of St. James' Church. He represented his League in the District League of New York City and was also a delegate to the National Convention at Chicago.

He was a member of the Seventy-first Regiment when the war broke out, and although his father persuaded him not to enlist he insisted, saying that if his regiment voted to go he would not be a coward and stay at home. In a letter written to a League friend a few days before he was killed he gives an account of the regiment's trip from Tampa to Santiago, ending with this sentence: "Well, I'll do my share to avenge the 'Maine,' for God and my country."

CORPORAL GEORGE L. IMMEN

While our hearts are filled with sympathy for the bereaved father and brothers, we can only commend them to that God in Whom our brother had faith, and to Whom our noble President has asked us to devoutly pray, for His guiding and protecting hand over all our brave heroes.

League Men in the Army

It is certainly proper that a roll of honor of those of our League members who have enlisted in the army in the war with Spain should be made up, so that all may know who of our members have gone to the front. There are quite a few in New York and Pennsylvania, and no doubt there are some in other States. Will the secretaries of all Leagues send the names of their members who are serving their country in either the army or navy to the Editor, Box 876 New York City?

"Remember the 'Maine'"

What does this slogan mean? Is it a cry of revenge and hate? Is it meant to inflame the too excitable feelings of a sensitive nation? Is it the skillful watchword of a man or a party that would, right or wrong, demand the retaliation of bloodshed? If so, it is earthly, sensual, devilish. It is the watchword of the father of lies and of all evil passions.

If, however, it means, Remember the faithfulness, devotion and patriotism of the sailors of the "Maine," remember that they gave their lives for their country, and be willing, if necessary, to die in the same good cause; if it means, Remember

Jencks and Rushworth and Meilstrup and the other Christian sailors who fell at the post of duty, never ashamed to own their Lord ; if it means, " Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not—; " if it means all this, let us cherish it, and utter it, and be guided by it in our actions. The brave men who lost their lives in Havana harbor would be the very first to say, " Forget the ' Maine ' if it means hate and revenge, but remember the ' Maine ' if it means patriotism, humanity, duty."—*Ex.*

Virginia's State Capitol

State Capitol Series. No. 5

Engraving kindly loaned by the Washington (D. C.) *Evening Star*

The State capitol of Virginia, located at Richmond, says the Washington *Star*, is situated in a picturesque and beautiful park, thickly wooded and sloping steeply away from the front of the building. The structure was begun in 1785, from designs sent by Thomas Jefferson from France, the architect being Clerissault, who persuaded Mr Jefferson to change his choice of models, and these plans being forwarded by Mr. Jefferson were, in his own words, " carried into execution with some variations not for the better." However, the completed building, from its commanding situation, is of most imposing effect. The design is of what might be termed cubic architecture, after models of the Roman at Nismes, France. The material is of brick, which has in later years been stuccoed. The roof was originally of lead, 41½ tons being used in its construction. The entire cost of the building was $120,000. In addition to being the capitol building of the State, this structure was also the capitol of the Confederate States, and its earlier historical interest is very great. Here were debated and adopted the famous " Resolutions of 1798," drafted by James Madison ; here sat for a time the convention of 1829 30, whose members constitute Virginia's " Roll of Battle Abbey ; " here met the convention which restored universal suffrage, and here met the convention of 1861. No capitol of any State in the Union has more history than this of the Old Dominion. The photograph is by courtesy of Representative Peter J. Otey, from the Sixth Congressional District.

STATE CAPITOL AT RICHMOND

Luther League of Ohio

Third Convention, at Zanesville, June 21, 22

The Luther League of Ohio held its Third Annual Convention in St. John's English Church, Zanesville, Ohio, Rev. F. Richards, D.D., pastor, on June 21, 22.

The convention was called to order by Chas. E. Swingle, president, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. J. Smith of Roseville, Ohio, and S. G. Dornblaser of Columbus, Ohio. The recording secretary, Miss Daisy Tipton, being absent, Miss Annette Coplin of Zanesville was elected secretary *pro tem.*

The addresses of welcome were delivered by Hon. L. H. Gibson, Mayor of the city, on the part of the citizens of Zanesville; Miss Emma Mast, on the part of the local League under whose auspices the State League met, and by Mr. Chas. Baker of Deavertown, Ohio, on behalf of the District League of Southeastern Ohio. Rev. Geo. H. Schnur of St. Paris, Ohio, responded appropriately to these addresses.

A Committee on Constitution, consisting of Revs. S. G. Dornblaser, G. H. Schnur and L. J. Smith, was appointed.

The Committee on Credentials reported that there were 20 societies represented by 36 delegates, 18 Luther Leagues, 2 Christian Endeavor and 2 District Leagues.

Second Session

At the evening session the following papers were presented: "Trained Christians," by Wm. H. Goble, of Findlay, Ohio; "What Has Been the Work of Our Church in India," by Miss Eva Lehman, Canton, Ohio; "Objects of the League," by Rev. H. S. Lawrence of Van Wert, Ohio; "Relation of the Reading Course to the Luther League Movement," by Mr. C. E. Froutz of Circleville, Ohio.

After the adjournment in the church the delegates and their friends were entertained by the local League with music and refreshments in the lecture room of the church.

Third Session

On Wednesday morning the constitution was adopted.

The corresponding secretary was directed to prepare a circular letter stating the objects of the Luther League, earnestly inviting local Lutheran societies of whatever name to unite with our body and explain the simple conditions of union—viz., to adopt a resolution of uniting with the State League, fill out the accompanying statistical blank and remit $1 as annual dues. This circular letter is to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

Rev. Dr. F. W. E. Peschau of Greensburg, Pa., presented the fraternal greetings from the Pennsylvania State League.

A letter of greeting was received from Mr. E. F. Eilert of New York, president of the National Luther League. Mr. Marvin W. Lutz presented the claims of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and urged the Luther Leagues of Ohio to give it their cordial support.

It was resolved to appoint a committee to ascertain the best club rates of the REVIEW and in conjunction with the corresponding secretaries to send out a circular to all local societies and encourage them to subscribe for this most excellent paper.

Rev. G. H. Schnur presented the subject of badges and where to purchase the official ones.

The printed programme was then taken up, and Mr. O. F. Weaver of Van Wert, Ohio, read an interesting and instructive paper on "Methods of Conducting a Reading Course."

A motion was made and carried that the Committee on Circulation of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW engage young people to visit all Luther Leagues and Young People's Societies, and introduce the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and the books of the Luther League Reading Course.

Fourth Session

Wednesday afternoon a committee was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, and also one to nominate delegates to the National Convention in New York City in October. The programme was resumed.

The subject, "The Lutheran Church a Working Church," was presented by Rev. L. J. Smith of Roseville, Ohio. "What Has Been the Work Among the Jews," by Miss Emma Swingle, Stovertown, Ohio. "Music in Our Service," Rev. Luther Reed of Alleghany, Pa. "The Work of the Germans," by Rev. H. S. Lawrence of Van Wert, Ohio, and by request, Rev. Dr. Peschau of Greensburg, Pa., spoke upon the same subject. "What Has Been Done for the Orphans and Widows," by Mr. R. H. Bramkamp of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The following report of the Young People's Societies in the State of Ohio as presented by Rev. L. J. Smith:

Society.	No.	No. of Members.
Ladies' Luther Guild	1	150
Young People's Mission League	1	30
Christian Endeavor	23	943
Junior Christian Endeavor	9	348
International Junior Christian Endeavor	3	55
Luther Alliance	2	147
Young People's Society	6	317
Martin Luther Verein	1	132
Luther League	91	2896
Junior Luther League	5	140
Totals	142	5158

The Committee on Nomination of Officers reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Pres., Rev. E. K. Bell of Cincinnati, Ohio; Rec. Sec., Miss Annette Coplin, Zanesville, Ohio; Treas., Mr. Chas. Matthes, Mansfield, Ohio; Corres. Secs., Rev. C. K. Hunton, Ada, Ohio, and Mr. Amor Ulrici, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Canton, Ohio, was selected as the place for the next meeting, and the time to be decided by the Executive Committee.

Rev. E. K. Bell was elected unanimously as the fraternal delegate to the Pennsylvania State Luther League.

Fifth Session

At the evening session on Wednesday evening the Executive Committee was appointed, and to consist of the officers elect, together with Rev. W. H. Brown of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Mr. Marvin W. Lutz of Canton, Ohio.

The addresses of the evening were by Rev. Dr. E. K. Bell, whose subject was "Triumphs of Enthusiasm," and by Rev. Dr. D. H. Bauslin of Springfield, Ohio, on "Every Man in His Own Place."

The convention elected the following delegates to represent the Ohio State League in the National Convention:

Rev. F. Richards, D.D., Zanesville.
Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D., Cincinnati.
Rev. A. F. Siebert, Germantown.
Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, St. Paris.
Rev. L. J. Smith, Roseville.
Rev. H. S. Lawrence, Van Wert.
Miss Ida Werthman, Ashland.
Chas. E. Swingle, Esq., Zanesville.
Mr. M. W. Lutz, Canton.
Mr. Christ. Kellar, Lancaster.

ALTERNATES: Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., Springfield; Rev. C. K. Hunton, Ada; Rev. A. E. Renn, Urbana; Rev. F. L. Sigmund, Tiffin; Rev. V. B. Christy, Ellerton; Mr. Chas. Matthes, Mansfield; Miss Catherine Shafer, Dayton; E. P. Otis, Esq., Akron; Mr. Frank Smith, Miamisburg; Mr. W. A. Knoderer, Columbus.

The convention adjourned by singing Ein Feste Burg, and prayer by Rev. Luther Reed of Allegheny, Pa.

SUMMER OUTINGS

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces the following Personally-Conducted Tours for the Summer and early Autumn of 1898:—

To the North (including Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, Montreal, Quebec, Au Sable Chasm, Lakes Champlain and George, Saratoga, and a daylight ride through the Highlands of the Hudson), July 26 and August 16. Rate, $100 for the round trip from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, covering all expenses of a two-weeks' trip. Proportionate rates from other points.

To Yellowstone Park and the Trans-Mississippi Exposition on a special train of Pullman sleeping, compartment, observation and dining cars, allowing eight days in "Wonderland" and two days at Omaha, September 1. Rate, $235 from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington; $230 from Pittsburgh.

Two ten-day tours to Gettysburg, Luray Caverns, Natural Bridge, Virginia Hot Springs, Richmond and Washington, September 28 and October 19. Rate, $65 from New York, $63 from Philadelphia. Proportionate rates from other points.

For itineraries and further information apply to ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

The Luther League Badge.

There is but one Luther League Badge, all advertisements and representations to the contrary notwithstanding. For the protection of our membership, we are compelled to make the above announcement.

The official Luther League Badge, authorized by the Luther League of America in convention at Chicago, is manufactured and sold exclusively by the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and its authorized agents, who will, upon request, exhibit their credentials. To further satisfy our members, we print above a cut of the badge, which, although not in colors, shows what the badge is, and a comparison with other so-called Luther League badges will readily disclose the advantage that some manufacturers are trying to take on the unsuspecting member. Be sure, therefore, to get the official badge and take no other.

Replying to many requests, we again print a description of the badge.

It is thus described by the great Reformer himself:

"There should be a black cross in a naturally red heart; for from the heart we must believe in the Crucified One in order to be saved; the cross indeed causes pain and mortification, yet it does not kill, but rather promotes the vital energy of the heart. Such a heart should stand on a white rose, to show that faith imparts joy, comfort and peace, and it should be white, because that is the color of spirits and of angels, and the joys not of the world. The rose, finally, should be placed in a sky-blue field, as this joy is already the beginning of the heavenly, and is comprehended in the hope of heaven, and that field should be encircled by a golden ring, because heavenly salvation endures forever and is valuable above all other possessions."

The approaching convention of the Luther League of America, to be held in New York City, October 18, 19 and 20, 1898, suggests the appropriateness of every delegate and visitor wearing a badge. We will present a badge to every new subscriber to the REVIEW from this time on until the convention, at which time the offer will be withdrawn. For list of styles and prices and discounts for large orders, address your communications to headquarters.

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Third Convention, in New York City, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 18, 19 and 20, 1898

Call for Third Convention of the Luther League of America

The Third Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in New York City, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 18, 19 and 20, 1898. Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or Lutheran institution of learning, is entitled to one delegate, each district association to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates.

This call urges all Lutheran societies, of whatever name, and however synodically related, to send their full quota of delegates to this third convention. It is only through united effort, and the determination of each Leauge to contribute its share, that the convention will be a full success.

For information regarding hotel, transportation and other local arrangements address Mr. Geo. D. Boschen, chairman Ways and Means Committee, P. O. Box 876, New York City.

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—The above official announcement of the general secretary is explicit and should remind every Lutheran society of its duty to elect a delegate and to provide in some manner so that the delegate will be present and represent them at the coming National Convention.

—Allusion was made last month to the question of expense and suggesting that a systematic plan be adopted whereby the necessary funds could easily be raised. This brings to mind the fact that in one of the District Leagues of Pennsylvania a plan of systematic contribution has been inaugurated, with the result that a large number of the members of the Leagues of that district will be able to attend the convention.

—The Committee on Transportation has secured from the Trunk Line Association a rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip on the certificate plan. As the other passenger associations base their action on the Trunk Line rate, this will, no doubt, be the prevailing rate from any part of the country. The Committee on Transportation consists of these members: J. F. Dinkey, chairman, Rochester, N. Y.; H. L. Hungerford, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D.D., Des Moines, Iowa, to whom any inquiries regarding transportation may be addressed.

—An outline of the programme for the convention was given in the last issue. No changes have occurred since then, but the committee in charge is actively at work securing prominent speakers. It has been arranged that the business sessions of the convention be held in Holy Trinity Church, Rev. C. Armand Miller, pastor, in West Twenty-first street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues. The first evening session will also be held in that church. On the second evening the four simultaneous meetings will be held in St. John's Church, Rev. J. J. Young, D.D., pastor; St. Paul's Church (Harlem), Rev. John A. W. Haas, pastor; Gustavus Adolphus' Swedish Church, Rev. M. Stolpe, pastor, and St. Peter's Church of Brooklyn, Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D., pastor. The final evening session will be held in the large Carnegie Music Hall, at Fifty-seventh street and Seventh avenue.

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The special offer announced in the last issue to send to a new subscriber the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW from June to October (inclusive), the numbers giving full particulars of the coming National Convention, for 10 cents, is still open to those who have not availed themselves as yet. Address all orders to Cornelius Eckhardt, Business Manager, Box 333, Washington, D. C.

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In cases of reading circles connected with any of our Leagues, for "conjoint" reading of the books in the prescribed courses, every member who regularly attends the meetings of such a circle is entitled to the same literary certificate as if he had personally owned and read the volumes by himself. A circle that has a dozen members would therefore receive a dozen certificates at the completion of the course.

It is pleasurable to add that one of our Leagues (Church of the Ascension, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia), in consequence of organizing such a reading circle, has gotten literary certificates for two-thirds of its entire membership. So far as we know this beats the record.

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Editorial

Oh the wrongs that we may righten !
Oh the hearts that we may lighten !
Oh the skies that we may brighten !
Helping just a little.

"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only," was the closing thought of the Pennsylvania convention at Bethlehem, a thought that should impress itself upon the heart of every Leaguer.

You can usually tell where a snail has glided silently over the cool brick work of basement or garden, because he has left a silvery gray line wherever he has passed. And God can tell just what every sinner's course and deeds have been from the first day. All unconsciously the effects of sin are exhaled and our ways are open to the "All Seeing Eye."

How many of our Leaguers are "waiting for something to turn up" rather than to turn their hands to that which is near and requiring work. "Push and Pull" should be the motto of every faithful worker, whether it be the one who is earning his daily bread by the sweat of his brow or the laborer in the office or in the workshop.

"A merry heart doeth good" and a cheerful countenance is inspiriting. We wonder how the President can bear the burden upon him in connection with the present war. One of his friends speaks of him in the following words, and this may be an explanation: "He is the happiest man in the country. He is full of joy that Providence has placed in his hands the power to do so much good and to show so much kindness and generosity. You can see it in his face and feel it in the touch of his hands. The work and worry that killed other Presidents only warms his heart and gladdens his life. Whenever I see the President I think there is a lesson in his life for us all; we should soften our natures and strive to find pleasure in doing good rather than in self seeking."

As this is written the eyes of the civilized world are gazing thoughtfully upon the spots that mark upon the maps the little fortified harbor and city of Santiago in the far southeast of tropical Cuba, once its chief city. Here, hemmed in by mountains, the third city as to commerce in the "Pearl of the Antilles" has been the hotbed of bitter, awful war around the ancient walls and citadels, while within hunger, starvation, sickness and every physical suffering prevail. War is a horrid master. But at times it seems that it is the only way to obtain permanent and sincere peace. The army and navy of the United States have been sent forth by a free and enlightened people to intervene in hope of a new and nobler Cuba. May the conflict be but a brief one and end in the greatest glory to God, and the widest and richest spiritual benefit to the degraded, benighted and oppressed of the great island of our southern seas.

The summer vacation is now upon us and many of the readers of the REVIEW

will be going away to mountain, valley and shore. It should not be necessary, but it seems sometimes that advice is required relative to our actions when away from home. A lady from one of our large cities known to be interested in and devoted to religious and Church matters at home, was utterly regardless of them when at the seashore, and when reminded of the difference of her actions replied, "I leave my religion at home when I come to the shore." It is said that "evil communications corrupt good manners," and in many cases this saying is realized most among summer vacationists.

At the Pennsylvania State convention a letter was read from the former recording secretary giving as a reason for his absence that he was in camp at Chickamauga awaiting orders to go to the front. His letter contained the information that the number of Lutherans in his company and regiment was large, and he asked that the prayers of the League be offered for Lutheran boys in camp. A resolution was adopted in which it was suggested that all the members of the Leagues in Pennsylvania bear these, their comrades, before the throne of grace in their daily prayers. As there are many from other States, let us remember all both in prayer and in service, with the added request not only for the personal care of our Heavenly Father, but for the hastening of the day of victory when they will be at home again, and when we as a nation will be at peace with all the nations of the earth.

"I want to make public acknowledgment here that I believe in God the Father Almighty. I want all you officers and men to lift your hats and from your hearts offer silent thanks to the Almighty." These two simple sentences will live in history. They were spoken on the quarter deck of our warship "Texas" by her commander, Capt. John W. Philip, after the destruction of the Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera. Captain Philip's words have gone out to the whole nation and they are fixed for all time in the memory of all Americans.

Show Your Appreciation

The change in form of our paper will no doubt be as gratifying to our subscribers and the members of the Luther League of America as it is to the management, who have for some time contemplated this change, thereby giving the readers a larger paper and in a much more convenient form. From this time on it will appear as a 32-page paper, where formerly it was but 16 pages.

In presenting the REVIEW in this form we are but keeping abreast of the times and continuing the policy which has ever characterized its publication.

That this policy has been appreciated is abundantly in evidence and every mail brings words of praise and encouragement.

Other new features are contemplated which will create greater interest in the paper. With the change in form and the new features referred to we confidently expect much good in the way of securing new subscribers and that the 25,000 longed for and looked for may soon be a fact.

We have now 12 State Leagues and a low estimate would give us for each State 2,000 subscribers. This number divided up among the centrals and individual Leagues makes the labor very light provided there are willing hearts and hands.

To this end let us hope that active work may be commenced at once. Send for club rates and other information concerning REVIEW to

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Old Harper's Ferry

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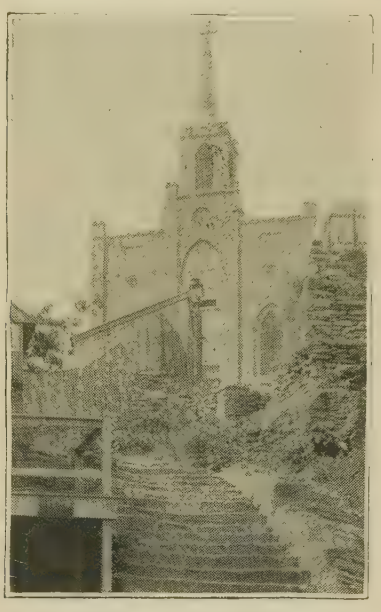
to be remembered. Nor is it possible to picture the little town the center and camping ground of a mighty army, its streets bristling with bayonets and its buildings the arsenals for the munitions of war. Still more difficult is it to realize that the mountain across the Potomac River was the fortress of armed men who guarded the passes to the North, who singaled far and wide the messages of generals, and from whose heights orders were given which swayed the destiny of a great nation.

And yet 'twas so. Not far from Harper's Ferry the momentous battle of Antietam



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was fought. These mountains and the troops that guarded the gaps and passes were the bulwark which prevented the troops of the Confederacy from entering the more level country and surrounding the National Capital. The strife for the possession of these gateways was intense and they were defended with such heroic valor as to make the story of Thermopylæ insignificant in comparison.

Harper's Ferry will never be a place of any interest in the busy world of commerce, but its historic past cannot be taken away or minimized. It is not marked with monuments and shafts like the battle fields of Gettysburg and Chickamauga, but its association with Old John Brown has given it a value that time can never efface. Added to this, its picturesque position and surroundings give it a charm appreciated by every visitor.

Book Reviews

WHAT A YOUNG BOY OUGHT TO KNOW. The first book in a self and sex series to boys and men, by Sylvanus Stall, D.D. Vir Publishing Company, 910 Hale Building, Philadelphia. $1.

We are only awakening to the need of candid, sober instruction on the Sixth Commandment. There exists, even among Christians, a very false modesty and a very woeful ignorance on the topic; from both of these has resulted woeful sin, generally unrecognized sin, on the part of human beings of all ages, both sexes, married and unmarried. The attempt to give such instruction needs a wise head and an earnest Christian heart. We welcome the book in hand. Our examination of it leads us to believe that it has in most respects been wisely prepared; we wish it were in many a boy's hands. While we are speaking of the topic, we would recommend to every married couple and to every young person contemplating marriage the reading of a book published some time ago by the Funk & Wagnalls Company—"The Ethics of Marriage." It is not a book that has just been sent to us, but this sin is not a matter of advertising books.

THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMNAL. Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn. Music edition. Boards, 50 cents; cloth, 75 cents. Words only, board, 15 cents; cloth, 20 cents.

This book is the work of a committee appointed by the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America to prepare an English Hymn Book for use in English services and Sunday schools.

Catalogues Received

Irving College and Music Conservatory, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Forty-third annual catalogue.

Hartwick Seminary, Hartwick Seminary, N. Y. Eighty-third annual catalogue.

Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N. C.. First annual catalogue.

North Carolina College, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

Roanoke College, Salem, Va. Forty-fifth session.

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MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

Our Churches and Institutions

IN SOME OF THE CITIES

New York City

—On June 22 St. Luke's German congregation at Van Nest (New York city) was organized by Rev. Beiderbecke. Candidate Paul Besig has been called as pastor.

—Rev. J. Heck, the city missionary of the N. Y. Pastoral Conference of the Missionary Synod, who began a German Lutheran mission at Washington avenue (East 177th street) on May 1, is also conducting services in Union Park, corner Avenue B and Tenth street, and expects to organize a congregation there soon.

—The new German mission on West Fiftieth street, Rev. H. von Hallen, pastor, is being constantly persecuted by the people of the neighborhood, who are largely Roman Catholics, and has had to apply to a police magistrate for protection.

Brooklyn

—Rev. C. Kraeling, of Zion's Church, during the absence of Rev. G. C. Berkemeier in Europe, is acting as director of the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School at Mt. Vernon.

The Rev. Luther D. Gable, of Reading, Pa., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the English Lutheran Church which was recently organized in Vanderveer Park in the Flatbush district, and pending the erection of a church his congregation will meet in the old Vanderveer homestead.

—St. John's congregation, on Prospect avenue, Rev. F. H. Bosch, pastor, conducted services for the last time in their old church edifice on June 27. A new church is to be erected on the site of the old one.

Philadelphia

—On September 14 and 15 Pastor Goedel of the Philadelphia Motherhouse and three deaconesses will be at Kaiserswerth, Germany, where the General Conference of Deaconess Motherhouses throughout the world meets.

—The German St. John's Church (Missouri), Rev. O. Schroeder, pastor, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on June 26 with appropriate services that were continued on Monday and Tuesday also.

Baltimore

—St. Paul's Church, Rev. P. A. Heilman, pastor, recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary and paid off the last of its indebtedness, about $12,000. The congregation numbers 360 members and its Sunday school 460.

—Rev. William S. Freas, D.D., pastor-elect of Grace Church, took charge on July 1.

Allegheny

—On June 26 St. Matthew's Church, Rev. C. H. Wischmeyer, pastor, celebrated its silver jubilee.

Albany

—Rev. W. Jentsch of Waterbury, Conn., has declined the call to the pastorate of Trinity Lutheran Church, Albany, N. Y. His own congregation would not part with him.

Syracuse

—The corner stone of the new Church of the Redeemer, at Syracuse, was laid recently with appropriate ceremony. The exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. U. J. Klingensmith, assisted by his brother, Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, of Utica, and Rev. W. J. Miller of Rochester.

Rochester

—Rev. L. Mayley and Rev. H. C. Erbes have become pastors of St. Paul's and Trinity English Lutheran churches, Rochester, during the past few weeks. Both are Wagner College graduates.

Buffalo

—The Buffalo Synod recently held its annual convention in Trinity Church, Pastor J. N. Grabau.

—Rev. F. A. Kaehler delivered an address before the Buffalo Sunday School Association on "The Book," which was pronounced the finest ever delivered before the organization. It was published by request.

—Rev. T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., until recently pastor of Christ Church, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, is the successor of Rev. Hunton in the Church of the Atonement, and took charge on June 26.

PENNSYLVANIA

—The consecration services commemorating the centennial of Salem Church of Lebanon, held on Sunday, June 19, marked an epoch in the history of the church in that valley The present edifice was consecrated on Sunday, June 3, 1798, by Rev. Dr. Henrich Muhlenberg, then president of Synod. It was fitting, therefore, that the centennial celebration, deferred by illness of the pastor, Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., and other causes, to June 19, should again be marked by a sermon preached by Rev. S. Laird, D.D., the present president of the Synod.

—Largely attended and impressive services were held in St. John's Church, New Freedom, on June 26. At all three of the services the church was packed, and all seemed pleased and gratified at the newly renovated and improved church edifice. The services had been carefully arranged by Rev. Elmer E. Schantz, pastor of the church.

—Arrangements and programmes are almost completed for the twelfth annual reunion of Lutherans and their friends at Pen-Mar, on July 28. Addresses will be delivered by the presidents of various Lutheran boards, of institutions and missions. The oration will be by Senator Wellington, of Maryland. Rev. Dr. Hamma, president of the General Synod, will preside.

—Rev. Frank Muhlenberg Seip, son of the president of Muhlenberg College and lately pastor of Trinity Church, Lebanon, died on July 2.

—Rev. W. F. Rick of Williamsport is chaplain of the Twelfth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

—Rev. J. Frank Hartman of the Second Church of Altoona, who is also chaplain of a Pennsylvania regiment, has received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Susquehanna University.

—Rev. Willis F. Hinman of Columbia, Pa., com-

pleted the tenth year as pastor of the First Church on June 12.

Rev. M. Sheeleigh, D.D., resigned his church at Upper Dublin on June 26. This step was taken after uninterrupted pastoral work of almost half a century.

NEW YORK

—The landing of the Palatines in America in 1710 was appropriately commemorated by the Lutherans and others at Hudson on June 15. It was a notable historical event, and 1000 delegates representing the descendants assembled to honor the memory of those who, to seek religious liberty and freedom of thought, left Germany nearly 200 years ago, and in the beautiful valley of the Hudson found an asylum wherein they erected their homes and their altars and worshiped God according to the dictates of consciences that had been quickened, and that had been influenced to a new view of religious truth through the influence of one of the great spirits of the Reformation, the immortal Martin Luther.

—Rev. Walter Miller has resigned at Manorton, N. Y., in order to accept the call to Grace English Lutheran Church of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

—The German Conference of the New York and New Jersey Synod met in St. Paul's Church, Oswego, June 7 to 9.

—The New York and New Jersey Synod will meet at Asbury Park from September 20 to 24.

OHIO

—Rev. I. N. Kieffer of Wooster, Ohio, chaplain of the Eighth Ohio Regiment, died suddenly at Camp Alger on June 22. His death was ascribed to heart failure.

—Grace Church, Columbus, Ohio, celebrated its quarto-centennial on June 12. Rev. E. G. Tressel is the pastor.

—On Wednesday, June 1, the Western District of Joint Synod of Ohio met in the beautiful shaded city of Marysville, Ohio. The president, Rev. J. H. Schneider of Columbus, Ohio, opened Synod with a sermon.

MISCELLANY

—Congregations of Swedish Lutherans are now in organized existence at Thorsby and Fruithurst, Ala., and Austell, Ga. At the latter place St. Olaf's congregation has received a ten-acre lot for a parsonage and a church building site.

—The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, of Savannah, Ga.

—On Sunday and Monday, June 19 and 20, the German St. Jacob's congregation of Folsom, Rev. H. Mette, pastor, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary.

—The fiftieth anniversary of the German Lutheran Church, Cumberland, Md., Rev. Charles E. Raymond, pastor, was celebrated on June 19. Addresses were made by Revs. G. Brodthage and W. E. Parson, D.D., of Washington, D. C., and Hon. G. L. Wellington, a member of the congregation.

—The German Zion's Church at Wilmington, Del., Rev. Dr. P. Isenschmid, pastor, was recently dedicated.

—The Milwaukee Hospital has cared for 437 patients during 1897. There was a gross income of $39,712.09, including a gift of $10,000 from Mr. Frederick Layton. Extensive improvements, at a cost of $15,285.10, were made in the hospital building; $15,623.17 went for current expenses, and $5000 was set aside for the endowment of a Layton Free Bed. The above financial showing is most encouraging.

—The ninth annual meeting of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church was held in the First Lutheran Church at St. Paul, Minn., June 8-16. It was attended by about 600 lay and clerical delegates, and proved to be a very interesting and profitable meeting.

—The Finnish Lutheran Church of America held its annual meeting recently at Ishpeming, Mich. Its membership is now 9500, belonging to 43 congregations. Rev. Tolonen was elected president. It was decided to erect a college building at Hancock, Mich., where its college property is located, cost not to exceed $10,000.

—Rev. J. P. Graebner, one of the pioneers of the Synod, died at Saginaw, Mich., aged 78 years 10 months.

—The United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America held its annual meeting at Greenville, Mich., June 2 to 9.

—The annual convention of the Danish Lutheran Church of America met in Omaha, Neb., on June 21, Rev. I. K. Paulsen, pastor loci. This branch of the Lutheran Church has probably 75 churches scattered over the country.

GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD.

On Saturday, July 16, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a special three-day tour to Gettysburg, the Mecca of American patriotism. Leave New York 8.50 A.M., Trenton 10.58 A.M., Philadelphia 12.20 P.M. Round-trip rate, including two days' hotel accommodations and carriage drive over the battlefield—all necessary expenses—$13.50 from New York, $12.50 from Trenton, $10.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points. A tourist agent and chaperon will accompany the party, and Capt. James T. Long, the celebrated guide, will describe the battle at the High-Water Mark, "Bloody Angle."

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NEW YORK STATE

New York City

—At the last regular meeting of the Luther League of New York City it was resolved that a committee be appointed to ascertain the names of all League members who had enlisted in the army, so that a complete record might be kept. The committee consists of Messrs. Wendt, Tietjen, Bunke, Jackson and Eilert. Secretaries are requested to send the names of all members now serving their country, with name of regiment and company, to Henry Wendt, 99 Nassau street.

—Corporal Immen of St. James' League was one of the first to fall in the battle of Santiago on July 2.

—The beautiful rose window with Luther's coat of arms, which was presented to the recently dedicated St. Paul's Church, of Harlem, Rev. J. A. W. Haas, pastor, by the Luther League of the church, was blown in by a severe wind storm on June 25 and completely destroyed. Steps have already been taken to restore it.

—St. John's Social Union held their annual outing at Silver Lake, Staten Island, on July 9.

—At the meeting of those confirmed by Dr. A. C. Wedekind, held in St. John's Church on June 16, the committee appointed to select a suitable memorial reported that they had decided in favor of a memorial tablet to be placed in the church. Steps will now be taken to collect the necessary funds.

Brooklyn

—The Luther League of Brooklyn held their regular bi-monthly meeting on June 27 in Imman-

uel Church, Rev. E. Roth, pastor. These delegates were elected to the National Convention: Rev. A. Steimle, Messrs. Moller and Wellbrock. The State delegates were also named. Great stress was laid on the importance of members taking up the "Reading Course." President Eilert of the National League and Pastor Roth addressed the delegates.

Rochester and Buffalo District Leagues

—A Luther League reunion of the Central Leagues of Rochester and Buffalo will be held at Portage on July 20.

—A recent meeting of the Luther League of Trinity Church was given over to patriotism, singing of national songs, and a paper on Spain by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Kahler. Miss Witmer gave a report of an extended Southern journey. The new officers are: Pres., Frederic G. Noxsel; vice-pres., Alfred W. Reiser; sec., Miss May Lobstein; treas., Miss Clara Rochevot; chairman of usher committee, C. Oliver Schafer. The League has arranged for a general study of the books of the Reading Courses.

—The Luther League of the Church of the Atonement has arranged for an excursion in connection with the Pastor's Aid Society, the proceeds to go toward the Sunday School Building Fund.

—On June 10 Rev. C. M. Conrad, Ph.D., of Concordia Church, delivered an interesting and forcible lecture on "Our Life a Warfare," before the Young People's Society of Trinity Church, Rev. H. E. Erbes, pastor.

PENNSYLVANIA

—The president of the Luther League of Pennsylvania has appointed the following committees:

Executive Committee: E. A. Miller, chairman, Philadelphia; Rev. W. E. Fischer, D.D., Shamokin; Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., Scranton; Rev. J. F. Hartman, D.D., Altoona; Leander Trautman, Pittsburg; H. K. Kurtz, Coatesville; F. P. D. Miller, Columbia.

Extension Committee: Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, chairman, Milton; Rev. I. C. Hoffman, Chester; Rev. Peter Altpeter, Catawissa; Rev. G. J. Gongaware, Uniontown; Rev. J. E. Heindel, York Haven; Rev. C. B. King, Allegheny; Rev. P. G. Sieger, Lancaster: Charles Steel, Northumberland; Frank L. Brown, Norristown; J. L. Frederick, Greenville; W. C. Dougherty, Freeport; G. A. Berner, Pottsville.

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Transportation Committee: H. L. Hungerford, chairman, Wilkes-Barre; A. Raymond Bard, Reading; W. S. Loucks, Greensburg.

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties

—The Luther League of Christ's congregation, Trumbauersville, held its anniversary on Sunday evening, June 19. The church was beautifully decorated. The pastor made an address, speaking of the efficient work done by the League, particularly on the changed condition of the basement, which they aided in remodeling.

Lancaster County

—The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Lancaster, Rev. C. L. Fry, pastor, recently contributed $50 to the Germantown Orphans' Home.

Northeastern Pennsylvania League

—At St. John's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Rev. W. L. Hunton, pastor, the Young People's Society has been consolidated with the old Luther League, which has been reorganized and with the added members is now a strong society. The officers elect are: Pres., H. L. Hungerford; vice-pres., George B. Miller; sec., Miss Keiper, and treas., Calvin Fry.

Blair and Adjacent Counties

—The semi-annual convention of the Luther League of Blair and adjacent counties met in Trinity Lutheran Church, Juniata, Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, pastor, on June 20 and 21. Eleven pastors and 22 delegates were present. The speakers were well prepared, and all the addresses were of a high order. Hence the success of the convention, intellectually, spiritually and socially. Among the topics discussed were the following: "Do the church members appreciate the church and her methods as set forth in our cultus?" "The young people's societies an element in training them for church work;" "What can the young men do to help the pastor?" "How to cultivate a more devotional spirit in our churches;" "How can we improve our young people's meetings?" "How to secure a better attendance among the youths of our homes at our preaching service." What the young people of our Church need is to know the history and spirit of their Church, and they will always remain loyal to her. May the time speedily come when every congregation within the bounds of the Northeast Conference of the Allegheny Synod will be identified with the Luther League. A MEMBER.

—The Junior Society of the Lutheran Church at Roaring Spring, Rev. J. R. Sample, pastor, won the prize banner for the largest number of new members added during the year.

Juniata Central

—The second annual convention of the Juniata Central Luther League of the Juniata Conference of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania will be held in Zion Lutheran Church, Marysville, Perry County, on July 19 and 20, 1898. All the young people's societies of the Lutheran Church of whatever name are entitled to one delegate for every 15 members or fraction thereof. All pastors and members of all standing committees, together with officers of the League, are ex-officio delegates. Persons desiring to attend should send their names to Mrs. Lucy Blizzard, Marysville, Pa.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Paul's Church, Rev. G. M. Diffenderfer, pastor, was recently reorganized as a Luther League, with 40 members. The following are the officers: Pres., William F. Brown; vice-pres., W. N. Kahler; sec., Miss A. Mary Adams; treas., Miss Mae Long.

Centre, Clinton and Union Counties

—The fourth annual convention of the Luther League of Center, Clinton and Union counties was held in Zion's Church, Renovo, Rev. L. M. C. Weiksel, pastor, on May 31 and June 1. The ad-

dress of welcome was made by Mr. Victor Leisher, president of the local League, and the response by Rev. C. B. Gruver, president of the Central. Twenty-six delegates were present, representing 13 societies and a membership of 565. At the first session Rev. H. C. Holloway, D.D., of Bellefonte, spoke on the subject "The Lutheran Church." giving a brief history of the Church from the time of Martin Luther down to the present. At the Wednesday morning session after devotional services the following officers were elected: Pres., Rev. C. B. Gruver, Lock Haven; vice-pres., Clement Dale, Esq., Bellefonte; C. A. Uhler, Renovo; cor. sec., E. G. Spangler, Salona; rec. sec., W. M. Kerlin, Centre Hall; treas., Miss Sarah Klose, Lock Haven. The subjects discussed at this session were as follows: "Educational Power of Lutheran Young People's Organization," by Miss Mae E. Krape, of Salona; "Luther League Reading Course," by Rec. C. B. Gruver; "Prime Object of our Convention," by Miss Sarah Klose. At the afternoon session these topics were treated: "How Can We Best Promote the Beneficent Operations in Our Local Societies," by Rev. W. M. Spangler; "Loyalty to Our Church," with Miss Maud Miller as essayist. Rev. G. W. Lesher also made quite an interesting address on the badge and colors of the Luther League. Rev. George L. Rankin of Du Bois was the only speaker at the evening session, his topic being "Lutheran Conscience."

Williamsport Central

—At a very enthusiastic meeting held at the city of Williamsport, Pa., June 21, 1898, the Williamsport Central Luther League was reorganized. This was the original society of the Luther Alliance. The organization starts again under most favorable circumstances. There were 16 local societies represented with 863 members. Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, D.D., was elected president. The regular convention will be held in the fall at Milton, Pa.

Westmoreland and Adjacent Counties

—The Greensburg Central Luther League held one of its best conventions June 21 in Holy Trinity Church, Irwin. The opening addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. S. K. Herbster, and Rev. G. G. Ruff of Derry. Three sessions were held, morning, afternoon and evening. Mr. Laurence Lohr of Latrobe gave a most interesting synopsis of Dr. Voight's "Why We Are Lutherans," and Miss Lizzie Wallace of Greensburg read a paper giving a good outline of Dr. Reimensnyder's "Lutheran Manual." Rev. W. E. Bauer of Saltsburg had a good paper on "Churchliness," calling for loyalty to our principles in the architecture and finishings of the building and in the music and worship of the sanctuary. "Our Young People in the Home" was discussed in a scholarly way by Rev. H. F. Rupp of Scottdale, laying stress on two points—(1) All the success of our young people begins in the home, and (2) parents should wield a greater Christian influence. Rev. F. S. Beistel, of Jeannette, gave an impressive talk on "Our Young People in the State." He would make all citizens Christians. G. F. Gehr set forth the superior qualities of the several books of "Part Second of the League Reading Course." At the evening session Dr. A. L. Yount ably set forth the "Deaconesses' Work," thus bringing this important subject to the attention of the young people. Rev. G. J. Gongaware was elected president of the League. Rev. Dr. Peschau, Rev. G. G. Ruff and Miss Kate Weiss were elected delegates to the national convention.

—Rev. Dr. Peschau recently delivered a German lecture under the auspices of the young people of Zion German Church in Johnstown. The lecture was delivered in the large hall of its school building, which was crowded from end to end. A neat sum was realized.

Kittanning League

—The Kittanning Central Luther League met June 15 and 16 in Leechburg, Pa., Rev. E. F. Krauss, pastor. A well arranged programme was rendered—excellent papers and addresses, ready discussion by delegates. The evening was taken up by an exhibition of how to study the League Topics, with an object lesson given in conducting such study by Rev. G. W. Spiggle, assisted by the convention, the whole interspersed by spirited singing. This Central can sing, and they did it with volume and taste. They did much of it, too.

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The former officers were continued. Rev. W. O. Laub, president, and Miss Emma McCreary, secretary, are the delegates to Bethlehem, and J. W. King, Esq., and Rev. E. F. Krauss, delegates to the National League in New York. A resolution passed unanimously asking the State League to meet within the bounds of the "Pittsburg Central." The Y. P. S. C. E. Societies at Leechburg and Vandergrift were admitted to membership in the Central. The League is to meet in Kittanning in '99.

—The Junior Society of our church at Sharpsburg, Rev. I. P. Zimmerman, pastor, recently presented the church with a pair of handsome flower vases, and the Seniors purchased two dozen books of worship for the use of the congregation.

—The Endeavor Society of Braddock, Pa., Rev. I. M. Derrick, pastor, recently raised $24, to be applied on their pledge toward the pastor's salary.

OHIO

—The Lutheran rally in connection with the convention of the Ohio State Endeavor Union was held on the afternoon of June 30. Rev. H. B. Shank of Crestline made the opening prayer. The State vice-president, Rev. A. C. Miller, D.D., presided. Rev. Dr. Wiles welcomed Lutherans to Mansfield and to his church. President Miller responded in his characteristic manner. Rev. Paul W. Koller of Cleveland spoke of "Our Own Home Mission," and Rev. Prof. S. A. Ort, D.D., LL.D., on "Our Own Wittenberg."

—The Miami Valley District Luther League held its first regular convention in Emmanuel's Church, Germantown, on June 16. The opening session was called to order by the president, Mr. Perry O. Getter of Ellerton, and after devotional exercises conducted by the pastor the president of the local League, Mr. S. R. Fulton, welcomed the delegates. At the afternoon session the first paper was one on "Missions," by Miss Elizabeth Christy of Ellerton. Then followed a paper by Albert Franz of Dayton on "How to Conduct Young People's Societies." The evening session found a large congregation present. A well written paper by Mrs. Anna Padelford on the "Reading Course" was the first read, followed by one on "Junior Work" by Miss Mary Pansing of Miamisburg. Both were excellent and instructive and listened to with close attention. Rev. B. F. Hoefer presented the subject of "Our Duty to Our Fellow-Men" in so earnest and interesting a way that he held the close attention of all. St. John's, Dayton, was chosen as the next place of meeting and the Thursday after Christmas fixed as the time.

ILLINOIS

—The fourth annual convention of the Luther League of Illinois will be held on the Rock River Assembly Grounds, Dixon, Ill., July 25 and 26, 1898.

Chicago

—Rev. H. A. Hanson, who was recently installed pastor of the Trinity Norwegian Church, corner Grand avenue and Peoria street, Chicago, was given a reception by his congregation in the church parlors Wednesday evening, June 29, after the regular Luther League meeting. Mr. O. G. Dunnom on behalf of the congregation presented the pastor with a parlor suite, two carpet rugs and a book case, for which the pastor thanked in well-chosen words. After this refreshments were served and an enjoyable time followed.

—The Luther League of Chicago will hold its next quarterly convention on July 29. President Eilert of the National League is expected to be present.

Fox River District

—The Fox River District Luther League met May 24-25, at Newark, Ill., for its third annual convention. About 40 delegates were in attendance. The convention sermon was delivered by Rev. J. H. Stenberg, Leland. These topics were discussed: "Methods of Bible Study for the Luther League," Prof. C. O. Solberg, Ottawa; "Luther League and Some of Its Relations to the Church," S. Sigmund, Ottawa; "The Deaconess' Work," Miss Martha Wicks, Norway; "The Junior Work," H. E. Olson, Newark; "The Successful League," O. S. Porem, Ottawa; "The Battle of Life," O. Anfinson, Sheridan; "Discipline," Owen Anderson, Ottawa; "Shall We Lay Aside the Catechism After Confirmation?" Rev. N. J. Lockrem; "How the League Can Help Home and Foreign Missions and Works of Charity," Rev. T. T. Aarrestad. The officers for last year were re-elected: Pres., C. O. Solberg, Ottawa; vice-pres., Rev. A. Anderson, Newark; sec., Owen Anderson, Ottawa; treas., A. M. Klove, Leland. The convention met before crowded houses, and was royally entertained by Rev. A. Anderson and congregation. Both English and Norwegian were used throughout. Nothing was more noticeable than the interest shown by the old, who were many and attentive throughout the proceedings.

—The Luther Leagues of Galesburg and Burlington have been exchanging visits.

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A NEW PRESIDENTIAL MARCH.

The July *Ladies' Home Journal* is known as "The President's Number." It contains an illustrated anecdotal biography of President McKinley, and a new march, "The President's March," also dedicated to the Chief Executive. The march is by Victor Herbert, who wrote it expressly for the *Journal* to supersede 'Hail to the Chief." It is pronounced in every way worthy to serve as a patriotic greeting upon occasions of the public appearances of the President.

Junior Societies

By Rev. C. Elvin Haupt

How many of our Junior Leaguers have gained a certificate for having read the "Course?" Have you your own?

I have overheard some of our Juniors tell how they wished that they might join the army and "go to Cuba," to show what brave fellows they are. I wonder whether these young heroes have ever found and read Proverbs 16 : 32. Do you know that you have Luther's foe to fight, more wicked and terrible than any in the Spanish war, and that he is right where you are now? Whoever tries to make you lie or cheat, steel or swear, think bad thoughts or do wicked things, be careless or do nothing good, or be mean, proud, unclean, break rules, or be cruel in any way is your enemy and all people's enemy. It takes a hero to fight him. But if you pray, if you use a New Testament faithfully and keep busy with plenty of good to do you can win the day. He will flee from you.

In the Summerland

The Juniors may have indeed cooler and more bracing enjoyments of the winter, but summer is the time of the "open" window and door. It is the vacation time perfumed with honeysuckle and new mown hay, punctuated with fire crackers and lit with pyrotechnic balloons perhaps, but sweet with the chuckle of the robin's warble and the laugh of the wren.

Then, when the Juniors go forth, the old world meets them and unlocks her wonder boxes of treasures—animal, vegetable, mineral—and displays her antiques, her fossils and her natural vases and cups in the pearly shells and flowers beside the limpid waters.

It is usually Summer when those who may of our Luther League and all other American boys and girls living in the great cities and towns love to be "away off somewhere."

Well do I recall the splendid fun when, school term over, we (seven) boys, closely related and as ready for innocent recreation as colts at play, gathered at the kind invitation of a forbearing uncle and a now departed and sainted auntie "to spend the vacations" at their lovely suburban home, farm or mountain retreat, helping to make the hay or do odd work, and enjoying delightful journeys afoot or ahorse, sailing to and fro upon laurel circled lakelet, finding the old mossy rocks at the end of the wood or plunging into the cool, limpid depths, bringing in the trophies of the angler, hunter or explorer, or feeding the pets of the stable, the pigeon loft, barn and deer pen.

There were the shops of the carpenter, blacksmith and painter, and the general skill acquired in these vacation hours has proven of great practical value to each of us in all our later years of manhood activity.

To us of the closer city life what a boon it was to be out "in the open," free from the exacting duty of the winter school life. A great physicial advantage, it followed well after the tasks. Both were useful and needful. The toil and exercises of summer built up strong, robust health in every instance and prepared for school anew.

To-day it is easy to travel, and the many beautiful resorts and parks in and around our cities make it possible for our Juniors to accomplish much in a single summer. Some prefer the wavy line where shore and sand meet surf and sea. Any Junior will find there much to learn and to enjoy. The devotees of the bicycle may "spin" a very pleasant trip among the bonny nooks along the highways or byways of the hill and dell country. In the outfit may be not the luncheon only, but the camera, a pocket microscope or the "collecting" apparatus for specimens, a magazine or pleasant story to read as we rest by the spring or stream, under the wayside tree, or listen to the tumbling water of the little brook—a "water child" singing, innocently skipping and gently passing its life's journey to the great "unknown" beyond.

Amid all the beauties and bounties of the summerland true happiness and safety are found not in the mere delights of travel or the pleasures of siesta or shore or ship, not only in the delightful companions one joins or meets, but in the holy, intimate, spiritual intercourse with God through His dear Son, our Lord, with us even to the end. This companionship we have by prayer, by living and speaking, as in His sight, and so as to prove that we are striving to become faithful children of the Heavenly King. The Lord give every one a blessed summertide and bring at last each pilgrim to the "land that is fairer than day."

Luther League Topics

9th Week after Trinity. August 7.

(EPISTLE: WE SHOULD NOT LUST AFTER EVIL THINGS.)

Temptation.—(Matt. 4: 1-11.)

Christ's temptation and His victory over Satan form a suitable beginning of His work, the overthrow of the kingdom and power of Satan.

Jesus used the Word of God in every case, completely routing the enemy (ver. 4, 7, 10).

All who withhold adoration and love from God declare themselves servants of Satan (ver. 9). Matt. 6:24; Rom. 6:12-18; James 4:4. "Many a soul is led away from the path of duty by the Satanic offer of a dollar, a house and lot, an article of apparel, a dance, drink, or game of chance" (Besser). "Better die a thousand times and suffer through a thousand centuries than give sacred honors to the devil" (Seiss).

Sin originated with Satan. Cf. 1 Tim. 3:6, with Isa. 14:12; Gen. 3:1-5. Temptation finds its source in the devil. 1 Chr. 21:1; Luke 22:3; Eph. 2:3; 2 Cor. 2:11; 12:7; Rev. 2:10; 12:9.

Yet we are not to be tempted above that which we are able to bear. 1 Cor. 10:13; Ps. 125; James 4:7; 2 Pet. 2:9. Sufficient grace is offered for every time of need. But this grace must be used; for many who had enjoyed great privileges have finally been rejected. Matt. 7:14; Luke 9:26; Heb. 12:17; 2 Pet. 2:20, 21; Rev. 2:5.

The strongest and most subtle temptations assail the best Christians. Luther's experience, in struggling up through doubt and agony of severe temptations into the full light of personal assurance of the grace of God in Christ, is one of the best examples that history furnishes us.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal), 22, 39, 50, 142, 150, 152.

10th Week after Trinity. August 14.

(EPISTLE: NOT IGNORANT OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS.)

Spiritual Gifts.—(Col. 1: 13-14.)

St. Paul commends the Colossians for their faith, love, and fruitfulness (ver. 3-8), and continues to earnestly pray that they may increase in spiritual knowledge and wisdom (ver. 9), walk worthily of the Lord, bear good fruit (ver. 10), and be joyfully strengthened in long-suffering and patience (ver. 11).

The Apostle would have us to be filled with the knowledge of God in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. "Understanding makes use of wisdom, notes what accords with it, puts it into practice, tests what comes with the name and appearance of wisdom, discriminates, and therefore guards against anything that is not wise" (Luther).

The source of spiritual gifts is God. 2 Tim. 1:7. One cannot even become a believer except the Holy Spirit give him the power. 1 Cor. 12:13; John 6:29; Phil. 1:29.

Spiritual gifts are found in great variety. Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:4-10; Eph. 4:11, 12. All are given by the one Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:11.

The study and application of the Word demands the very highest and best gifts. "We need in the Church not only the doctrine which gives wisdom, but the persistent admonition which gives understanding" (Luther).

Let us be contented in the use and development of those gifts that God has bestowed upon us. There is really no more happiness in the greater than in the lesser gifts. The more gifts, the greater the responsibilities, the sorer the trials.

Yet we are to covet the best gifts (1 Cor. 12:31), and stir up the gift that is in us. 2 Tim. 1:6. Study and teach the Word; embrace the opportunities afforded by applied Christianity; give money, time and talents to the Lord's work, and great shall be your joy and blessed your reward.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal), 43 151, 153, 156, 170, 191.

11th Week after Trinity. August 21.

(EPISTLE: BY THE GOSPEL ARE YE SAVED.)

Faith and Good Works.—(Gal. 2: 16-21.)

Justification by faith means that when I believe in Christ, God, of His grace, for Christ's sake alone, forgives all my sins, imputes to me Christ's righteousness, and adopts me as His own child" (Swensson).

Justification by faith alone is the heart of all truly religious life and experience, the central and most precious doctrine of Lutheranism. Read Art. IV., Augs. Conf.

The danger, found in Romanism and radical Protestantism alike, lies in enforcing the duty of good works so that "Justification by Faith Alone" is obscured or even lost sight of. Neither salvation, nor continuance in a state leading to salvation, depends on man's good works. Their necessity arises from the fact that it belongs to the nature of the Christian to perform them. In other words, good works are the fruitage of Faith. Augs. Conf., Art. VI. When good works do not appear, the faith is diseased, dying or dead. Matt. 7:20; James 2:17, 20, 26.

"But while good works have no merit, they have their rewards. In maintaining that salvation is all of grace, and that man is forgiven his sins and admitted into everlasting life, solely because of what Christ has done for him, we must be careful not to exclude the most clear and emphatic teaching of Holy Scripture, that there are rewards, both in this life and the life to come, promised to good works. These rewards, however, are not of merit; but of God's free grace." —Selected.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal), 51, 205, 143, 227, 235, 243.

12th Week after Trinity. August 28.

(EPISTLE: OUR SUFFICENCY IS OF GOD.)

The Efficacy of the Divine Word.

(1 Cor. 1: 18-24 and 2: 1-15.)

Let our rallying cry be "To the Word." "The Scriptures are a jewel cluster made up of the gold of doctrine, the pearls of comfort, the gems of prayer" (Gerhardt).

"A Divine power is communicated to the Word by the Holy Spirit, joined with it indissolubly" (Hollaz). The Divine call, enlightening or teaching regeneration, sanctification, etc., are ascribed to both the Spirit and the Word, proving that the two always go together. "The Spirit operates through the Word, whether it be written, preached, sacramental, or the Word in conversation or reflection" (Gerberding).

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The Word—preached, sacramental, etc.—is God's way of building up the faith of the believer and converting the sinner. No manner of clap-trap will do; whoever tries to convert men in any other way than God's way sins against the light which blazes out from God's holy Word!

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal), 44, 204, 168, 176, 140, 135.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington

—The annual meeting of the Lutheran Young People's Union of Washington, D. C., was held recently in the Keller Memorial Church, Rev. C. H. Butler, pastor. The union has nine societies, eight being Societies of Christian Endeavor and one the Luther League of St. John's Church, South Washington.

IN THE SOUTH AND WEST

—The Christian Endeavor Society of Immanuel Church, Uniontown charge, Md., Rev. G. W. Baughman, pastor, contributed $5 to the Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa.

—The Luther League of the Synod of the Northwest recently met in connection with the meeting of Synod at Minneapolis.

The following resolutions on the death of John Anderson, late president of Salem Luther League, Minneapolis, Minn., were adopted on June 10:

Whereas, It hath pleased Almighty God in His all-wise providence to remove from our League one of its members; and

Whereas, In the departure of John Anderson from the fold of God on earth to His fold in heaven the League loses its president and an earnest and consecrated worker, Salem congregation an active member and faithful organist, and his family a dear son and brother; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Salem Luther League of Minneapolis, Minn., express our deep sorrow in the sad event which has deprived us of a dear musical friend and fellow-worker.

Resolved, That in John Anderson we recognize an earnest and energetic young League worker, ever determined to perform his duty toward the League and doing much to promote its welfare in the church.

Resolved, That we bow in submission to the divine will, and while we mourn the loss of our friend we pray that we may be united with him in the eternal mansions where there shall be no more parting.

Resolved, That we extend to the grief-stricken family our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolence; and, finally, be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the family of our departed friend and brother, that they be spread on the minutes of our society, and that they be sent to the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, with a request for publication.

On behalf of Salem Luther League, Ernest A. Trabert, Lydia T. Lagerstrom, committee.

—A library of 40 volumes has been secured by the Luther League of Christian Endeavor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Abilene, Kan., Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D.D., pastor. The books recommended by the Luther League are first on the list.

—"The Knights of Luther" is the name of a unique organization in Trinity Lutheran Church, Beatrice, Neb., Rev. L. J. Motschmann, pastor.

—The Jugend Verein of St. Jacob's Church, at Hespelle, Ontario, Rev. A. Eggers, celebrated its anniversary on June 19. The society was organized with 18 members and now numbers 53. During the year $116 was raised for church purposes.

A very fitting motto is that given on the fly leaf of the forty-third annual catalogue of Irving College and Music Conservatory, at Mechanicsburg, Pa. It reads: "That our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Irving is and has been doing that successfully for the girls of our Church for a number of years.

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